

CCC Media Advisory

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Greenwood Training Facility

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Media Advisory for Thursday, April 21, 9 – 11 a.m.

Grab a Shovel and Join in the CCC Training

Greenwood, El Dorado County

You've seen them on floods and fires, but here's a chance to join brand-new members of the California Conservation Corps learning the rudiments of the job.

Tools, work gloves and hardhats will be provided to any media members willing to brave the CCC's "hard work, low pay and miserable conditions." (Watching from afar also permitted.) Work is expected to require shovels and "pulaskis," (a two-headed axe/hoe tool) to clear brush and cut fireline.

The corpsmembers are working out of the CCC's Greenwood training facility, in a beautiful wooded area of El Dorado County.

On Thursday, April 21, 50 corpsmembers will be nearing the end of their initial basic training and orientation. The Greenwood regional training is a possible model for Corps training statewide.

Who: Fifty new members of the California Conservation Corps from all over the state. After completing the training Friday, they'll be assigned to CCC operations in Auburn, Sacramento, Stockton and South Lake Tahoe. CCC Director Will Semmes will be on hand from 9 to 11 a.m. to talk about the training and the Corps.

What: Thursday is the last full day for the 12-day initial training and orientation. Corpsmembers will hone their work skills, learning tool use and safety through brush clearance and fireline construction.

This hands-on training follows a schedule of long days that includes everything from physicals, discipline policy and reading and math assessments to health and safety, conservation principles, emergency response and room inspection.

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Where: The CCC's Greenwood facility in El Dorado County. Driving time about an hour from Sacramento. See directions page, map.

The Greenwood facility was built by corpsmembers in the 1980s. It now is used by local groups, including the senior center and school district.

When: Thursday, April 21, 9 to 11 a.m. (Work will continue until 2 p.m.)

Phone at site for Thursday: (530) 823-4075.

Can you join us? If you'd like to spend a little time working alongside a crew, please give us a call in advance, if possible – (916) 341-3145 through Wednesday, (530) 823-4075 on Thursday.

The California Conservation Corps is a state workforce development program hiring young men and women between the ages of 18 and 25. Corpsmembers, who earn a monthly salary, devote a year to conservation work and emergency response.

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See directions attached.



DIRECTIONS
CCC Greenwood Training Facility
4511 Highway 193, Greenwood
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From Sacramento:

Take I-80 east to Auburn. Take the Elm Street exit, go to top of off-ramp, turn LEFT at light (Elm Street). Proceed to next light, turn LEFT on High Street. (This is also Highway 49)

Stay on 49 straight through the light, down into the American River Canyon. At bottom of Canyon, turn RIGHT, staying on Highway 49.

In Cool, turn LEFT at stop light on Highway 193. Go east on 193 to Greenwood (about 7 miles). About 3/4 mile past Greenwood, look for big wooden sign on left, "Greenwood Center."

Turn LEFT and go up narrow road to top of hill, then down into main compound.

From Placerville:

Go SOUTH on Highway 49 to Cool. In Cool, turn RIGHT at stoplight on Highway 193. Go east on 193 go Greenwood (about 7 miles).

About 3/4 mile past Greenwood, look for big wooden sign on left, "Greenwood Center." Turn LEFT and go up narrow road to top of hill, then down into main compound.